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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE: ORGANIZING

MEETING OF COORDINATING GROUP

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FROM SECRETARY TO AMBASSADOR

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS PARA 9 AND 10 BELOW,
AMBASSADOR REQUESTED TO APPROACH HIGHEST AVAILABLE OFFICIAL

HOST GOVERNMENT WITH FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY TO FOREIGN MINISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. THE UNITED STATES WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS APPRECIATION FOR THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH THE (NAME OF COUNTRY) DELEGATION MADE TO THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE, AND WHICH MATERIALLY AIDED IN THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING. WE BELIEVE THE CONFERENCE HAS MADE A GOOD BEGINNING IN DEFINING THE ELEMENTS FOR A NEW STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ENERGY. THE UNITED STATES, FOR ITS PART, IS PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE ITS INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA AND, WORKING WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN A COOPERATIVE SPIRIT, TO CONTRIBUTE ITS PROPER SHARE TO THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM.

3. TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED BY THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE, THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT, AS AGREED BY THE CONFERENCE, THE

COORDINATING GROUP ENVISAGED BY PARAGRAPH SIXTEEN OF THE COMMUNIQUE (STATE 029810) SHOULD NOW BE ESTABLISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. TO THIS END, US PROPOSES TO CONVENE ORGANIZING MEETING OF THE GROUP HERE IN WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 25 AND, IF NECESSARY, CONTINUING THROUGH FEBRUARY 26, SIMPLY TO GET THIS PROJECT LAUNCHED EXPEDITIOUSLY; WE ENVISAGE THAT FUTURE MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN ROTATION IN OTHER NATIONAL CAPITALS.

5. WE ARE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS ON HOW THE COORDINATING GROUP SHOULD CARRY OUT ITS MANDATE. OUR PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS ARE THAT THE GROUP, AT THIS ORGANIZING MEETING:

(A) WOULD SELECT A CHAIRMAN, (THE US IS FLEXIBLE ON WHETHER THE CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD BE ROTATED;)
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(B) DECIDE THE TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS; AND

(C) AGREE ON WORKING ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS THE SELECTION OF EXPERT PANELS AND AD HOC WORKING GROUPS, AND THE COMMISSIONING OF A SURVEY OF ONGOING WORK IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE USED AND ENCOURAGED AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE WORK PROGRAM.

6. THE COORDINATING GROUP, AS A HIGH LEVEL POLICY BODY, MIGHT BE SUPPORTED BY A WORKING GROUP OF SENIOR OFFICIALS THAT WOULD BE IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER, MEET OFTEN, AND BE WORKING FULL TIME ON THE PROBLEM.

7. US REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE UNDER SECRETARY DONALDSON

AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FEDERAL ENERGY OFFICE, MR. SIMON, SUPPORTED BY OTHERS AS REQUIRED. MEETING WOULD BE PRIMARILY ORGANIZATIONAL BUT WE ALSO HOPE TO HAVE SOME DISCUSSION OF SUBSTANCE OF WORK PROGRAM. WOULD

APPRECIATE INDICATION OF REPRESENTATION FROM OTHER CAPITALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

8. WE ARE CURRENTLY FORMULATING OUR THOUGHTS ON AN AGENDA FOR THIS ORGANIZING MEETING AND ON A WORK PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE MODALITIES FOR CARRYING IT OUT. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE FURTHER IDEAS NEXT WEEK THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

9. FOR ACTION POSTS EXCEPT PARIS AND USEC. PLEASE DELIVER FOREGOING MESSAGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN DELIVERING SECRETARY'S MESSAGE, YOU SHOULD NOTE ORALLY THAT SIMILAR INVITATION WILL BE EXTENDED TO FRANCE AS WELL AS THE ELEVEN COUNTRIES WHICH ACCEPTED THE COMMUNIQUE IN FULL; AND THAT AMBASSADOR GREENWALD WILL EXPLORE WITH COMMISSION ITS ROLE IN FUTURE MEETINGS.

10. FOR PARIS ONLY. YOU SHOULD DELIVER SAME MESSAGE TO FRENCH, BUT EXCLUDING THE INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH 2. THUS MESSAGE TO FRENCH SHOULD SIMPLY START QUOTE TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED
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BY THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE UNQUOTE. YOU SHOULD DEFER PRESENTATION TO FRENCH FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS (I.E. UNTIL TUESDAY) TO ALLOW TIME FOR DELIVERY IN OTHER ELEVEN CAPITALS.

11. FOR USEC. YOU SHOULD INFORM COMMISSION THAT WE ARE EXTENDING INVITATIONS FOR ORGANIZING MEETING TO THE TWELVE COUNTRIES THAT PARTICIPATED IN WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, INCLUDING FRANCE. YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT WE WOULD WELCOME COMMISSION'S PARTICIPATION BUT THAT WE ARE UNSURE OF ITS DESIRES AND HAVE AN OPEN MIND ABOUT ITS ROLE.

12. FOR USOECD. THE FOREGOING IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY. SINCE FUTURE ROLE OF OECD AND THAT OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE EXECUTION OF THE WORK PROGRAM REMAINS TO BE DEFINED, WE DO NOT CONTEMPLATE AN INVITATION TO VAN LENNEP FOR THIS ORGANIZING MEETING.
END FYI. RUSH

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